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## CIA Pilot Sues Wife for Divorce

Six months after a dramatic release from a Soviet prison, former U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers was downed May 1, 1960, while flying a reconnaissance mission over the Soviet Union, and sued his wife, Barbara, for divorce on grounds of cruelty and intoxication.

The petition was filed Tuesday in Superior Court at this mid-Georgia city, hometown of the 22-year-old brunette Powers married in 1955. The couple have no children.

Powers said in the petition he had been separated from his dark-eyed wife since May 27. He charged she was "guilty of habitual intoxication" and that she cursed and abused him without cause.

The petition also alleged her "acts of cruelty were wilfully inflicted" and caused Powers to become highly nervous and endangered his health.

Mrs. Powers had no comment when she was served with a writ. Sheriff Buford T. Lingold said.

Her mother, Monteen Allen, said she was surprised to learn a divorce petition had been filed.

"I love Barbara and I love Gary," she said. "I'm so sorry about this. Barbara hasn't been herself since Gary was shot returned to this country."

little more than two weeks later at a summit meeting in Paris, Soviet Premier Khrushchev demanded the United States apologize, condemn spy plane missions and punish those responsible for Powers' flight.

Khrushchev canceled an invitation for Dwight D. Eisenhower to visit the Soviet Union. The summit talks collapsed despite Eisenhower's assurance U2 flights would not be resumed.

The U2 pilot was tried in a Moscow court in August 1960, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 10 years deprivation of liberty for spying. On Feb. 10, 1962, the 32-year-old pilot was released in exchange for Col. Rudolf I. Abel, a Soviet spy.

Mrs. Powers appeared devoted to her husband during his long ordeal. She witnessed his trial in

Moscow and was permitted an hour-long tryst behind the closed door of a prison cell before she